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Deepwater Horizon Incident
Gulf of Mexico
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR BULLETS
May 29, 2010 0700 hrs

As of 2100 CST on May 28th, no amendments for additional funds had been authorized by the USCG.

The Chalmette and Venice operations were visited by a representative from the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) on May 28th. The representative's name was Miriam Rotkin-Ellman from the NRDC office in San Francisco, CA. Ms. Rotkin-Ellman was mostly interested in air monitoring/sampling activities. She was given a tour of one of the air monitoring stations (V02 - USCG station) and OSC McAteer answered her questions regarding the type of equipment EPA is using as well as the parameters being sampled. Her questions were primarily technical in nature.

The EPA OSC in Cocodrie received a special request for assistance from LDEQ. The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries representative operating out of East Point A La Heche, contacted the LDEQ to communicate a "foam" on weathered oil approximately 30 miles north of Venice. The representative was concerned that the foam may be a result of dispersant application. EPA mobilized the Special Operations Team to the Beshel's Marina to coordinate with the representative and travel to the location to collect a water sample. When the Special Operations Team arrived on site, the "foam" had decreased significantly due to cleanup contractors moving boom in the area. A water sample was collected from the area exhibiting the highest concentration of "foam".

ASPECT completed one mission on May 28th. The primary focus of the mission was to document activities associated with the TOP Kill operation. Visible imagery collected over the site clearly showed a cloudy, green plume present in the water near the work ships. A total of 120 visible images and 48 IR images were collected and processed.

In-Situ burns were suspended on May 28th after two workers (fishermen) were air-evacuated after experiencing chest pains. One 20 min burn was completed before suspension. Crews reported difficulty finding adequate quantities of undispersed oil suitable for burns.